

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) A device for moving ~~exchanging~~ shears in the cutting to length of strips or sheet metal in a rolling or transport line on a rolling table, wherein the shears, inclusive of a drive apparatus, are arranged on a rail-guided drive carriage which, while the strip or sheet metal is positioned in the rolling or transport line, is movable by means of a drive transverse to the rolling or transport line, wherein the shears comprise a U-shaped frame open toward the rolling or transport line and closed at a drive side, on the U-shaped ~~which~~ frame, at the drive side as well as a rolling table side which is opposite the drive side, holding elements are provided that support blade holders, and wherein the drive carriage is coupled with a movable part of the rolling

table, wherein at least one of the holding elements at an open side ~~a free end~~ of an upper, horizontal ~~frame~~ arm of the U-shaped frame comprises at least one pressure plate ~~(23,~~ 23¹~~)~~ and a clamping element has congruent gliding plates for overlapping the pressure plate, and that the clamping element is movable by force means on a horizontal gliding path with its gliding plates across the at least one pressure plate for generating a form-fit/frictional ~~form-fit coupling and a frictional~~ coupling.

7. (Currently amended) A device for moving ~~exchanging~~ shears in the cutting to length of strips or sheet metal in a rolling or transport line on a rolling table, wherein the shears, inclusive of a drive apparatus, are arranged on a rail-guided drive carriage which, while the strip or sheet metal is positioned in the rolling or transport line, is movable by means of a drive transverse to the rolling or transport line, wherein the shears comprise a U-shaped frame open toward the rolling or transport line and closed at a drive side, on the U-shaped ~~which~~ frame, at the drive side as well as a rolling table side which is opposite the drive side, holding elements are provided that support blade holders, and wherein the drive carriage is coupled with a movable part of the rolling

table, wherein at least one of the holding elements at an open side ~~a free end~~ of an upper horizontal ~~frame~~ arm of the U-shaped frame is provided with threaded spindle coupling rods connected so as to be pivotable to both the drive side and the rolling table side, which, by means of recesses, are engageable in congruent coupling sockets of a lower frame arm or in the congruent coupling sockets of the holding element and adjustable by a force means for generating a form-fit and frictional connection with their spindle drives.

8. (Currently amended) A device for moving ~~exchanging~~ shears in the cutting to length of strips or sheet metal in a rolling or transport line on a rolling table, wherein the shears, inclusive of a drive apparatus ~~(8)~~, are arranged on a rail-guided drive carriage which, while the strip or sheet metal is positioned in the rolling or transport line, is movable by means of a drive transverse to the rolling or transport line, wherein the shears comprise a U-shaped frame open toward the rolling or transport line and closed at a drive side, on the U-shaped ~~which~~ frame, at the drive side as well as a rolling table side which is opposite the drive side, holding elements are provided that support blade holders, and wherein the drive carriage is coupled with a movable part of the rolling

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table, and further comprising a clamping element correlated transversely to two frame arms of the U-shaped frame, wherein the clamping element can be folded upwardly by means of a joint with a pivot axis extending parallel to the rolling or transport line with the aid of at least one force means for coupling of the two frame arms or folded down for releasing the coupling of the frame arms.